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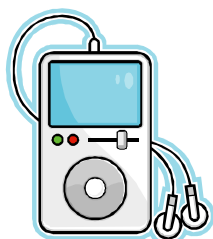
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Don't Miss This One!

Wondering what the future has in store for libraries? Want to hear a speaker who challenges participants to question current practices and procedures? If so, plan to register for the Joint Council Meeting on Friday Oct. 3 at the Augusta Civic Center. Joan Frye Williams from California is the guest speaker, and best known as an acute observer of emerging library trends, issues, and practices. She is an internationally recognized library futurist and designer of innovative library services. Register on the statewide calendar (navigate to Oct. 3). <http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Downloadable Audiobook Consortium



Thanks are in order for Bangor Public Library Director Barbara McDade who procured a New Century grant to support the formation of a statewide downloadable audiobook consortium for Maine. Many states

and regional library systems have e-book services that allow patrons to download books to personal computers, iPods, and other portable devices. A committee is working on details including a sliding fee scale, collection development decisions, and compatibility with various portable devices. Find out more at the Maine Libraries Conference in October at Sunday River.

New SMLD Listserv

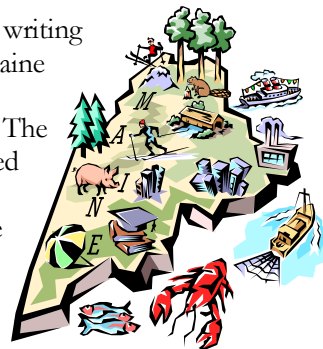
Thanks to Board member Casandra Fitzherbert and USM, SMLD members will be able to access a listserv with information pertinent for the district. It is meant to impart information about SMLD meetings, district-wide news, and our Area Reference and Resource Center, the Portland Public Library. To join the listserv go to: <https://lists.usm.maine.edu/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=SMLD-L&A=1>. Librarians who sign up by December 1st will be entered in a drawing for a bookstore gift certificate.

Can Learning About Copyright Really be Fun?

Yes it's true! Not only can learning about copyright be exciting but also very useful, according to librarians who attended earlier sessions of this popular workshop. Any member of a Maine Regional Library System library may sign up for this *free* session being conducted by St. Joseph's College Library Director Shelly Davis. Date: Tuesday, Nov. 18; Place: Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook; Time: 1:30 – 4:30. 3 contact hours. Please register on the statewide calendar (navigate to Nov. 18). <http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Literary Map of Maine Published in Telegram

"Book a journey through a rich writing landscape" was the title for a Maine Sunday Telegram article in the August 31 edition of the paper. The article explained the process used to develop a "Literary Map of Maine." A separate sheet in the paper displayed a full page map of Maine with 50 selected adult and juvenile titles with Maine settings. The paper's website hosts an online Google map version which can be expanded to include more titles submitted by readers. The selection committee included William David "Bill" Barry, writer/historian, Maine Historical Society; Sarah Cecil, Maine Festival of the Book/Maine Reads; Paul d'Alessandro, former reference librarian, Portland Public Library; Terry P. Gruener, adjunct professor of children's literature, University of Maine System; Cally Gurley, archivist, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England; Shirley Helfrich, district consultant, Southern Maine Library District/Maine State Library; Erik Jorgensen, executive director, Maine Humanities council; and Sanford Phippen, writer, English teacher, and critic.



ARRC News

If you haven't visited the Portland Public Library Main Branch recently, you will be amazed at the changes that have taken place over the summer. The main floor now contains the entire adult collection – fiction and nonfiction. Computer stations and all periodicals have been re-located to the lower level. Except for a small browsing collection, most youth services collections have been temporarily sent to the Munjoy Branch where they will remain until renovations are completed at the Main Library in 2010. The renovation project at the Main Branch is slated to begin in the spring of 2009.

New hours for the Main Library... Sunday/Monday: closed; Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 10 am – 7 pm; Friday: 10 am – 6 pm; Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm.

Around the District

Mamie Anthoine Ney, Library Director of the **South Berwick Public Library**, reports that they have Ancestry Library Edition available. Patrons must register by reading the library policy and signing a form. Computer use is limited to 1/2 hour but can be extended if no one else is waiting. Hours are Mon & Wed 1-8, Tues & Thurs 10-5, Fri 1-5, and Sat 9-1 (year round).

Inese Gruber, Library Director, **Windham Public Library**, announces they received one of only 30 "Let's Talk About It Love & Forgiveness" grants of \$2,500 from ALA. The grant includes a training session in Chicago and books for the participants: *Sense & Sensibility*, *The History of Love*, *The Winter's Tale*, *The Essential Rumi*, and *Atonement*. The monthly sessions will be facilitated by the St. Joseph's College Theology Chair.

The new **Mercy Hospital facility at Fore River in Portland** which opened Sept. 10 will have limited library services -- four computer stations for public access and staff, and a basic book collection. Completion of the next building phase is projected to occur in five years, at which time the library will be moved from the State Street site to the new facility.

Librarian Susan Bloomfield reports that the new Dorothy Walker Bush Emergency Care Pavilion at **Southern Maine Medical Center** includes space for the health sciences library. It was formally dedicated by former President George H.W. Bush on July 22.

New Info Net Director

The Maine Info Net Board of Directors announced the appointment of James Jackson Sanborn as the new Executive Director of Maine Info Net effective August 2008. He was formerly Associate Head, Digital Library Initiatives Department at North Carolina State University Libraries in Raleigh, North Carolina. Sanborn is a Bates College graduate who grew up in Saco.

Courses and Resources

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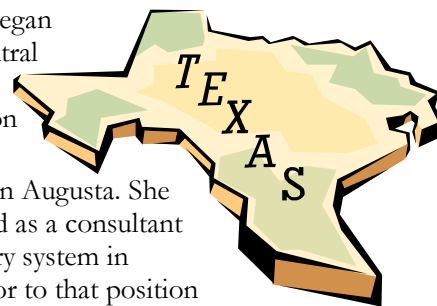
"Lessons for Libraries from Retail Space Planners," disaster planning, and services for older adults are among the topics to be found on **WebJunction Maine** <http://me.webjunction.org>. If you haven't looked at this useful website, please take a look and introduce it to board members too. Maine has its own WebJunction site (see "Partners") which is paid for by the Maine State Library. Check for major changes in page design and content which occurred this summer.

SMLD WIKIS

At the 2008 SMLD Spring Council meeting one of the break-out sessions covered free and inexpensive online resources; all the information was collected on a wiki. Here's the link, so all participants, and anyone else who might be curious, can explore further: <http://smldonlineresources.wikispaces.com/>

Texas Librarian is Named New CMLD Consultant

Stephanie Zurinski began work as the new Central Maine Library District Consultant on Sept. 2, based at the Maine State Library in Augusta. She most recently worked as a consultant for a 29 county library system in Lubbock, Texas. Prior to that position Zurinski held library positions in Anchorage, Alaska and Houston, Texas. She grew up in Texas and received a Master's in Library Science from the University of Washington in Seattle.



People

New appointments

Jennifer R. Brewer, Director and Lower School Librarian, Berwick Academy

Darcy Coffta, Upper School Librarian, Berwick Academy

Claudine Emerson, Librarian, Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills

Dorothy Hall-Riddle, Librarian, Freeport Middle School

Linda Harding, Media Specialist, Loranger Middle School, Old Orchard Beach (formerly at Traip Academy, Kittery)

Kim Myers, Assistant Director, York Public Library

Kathy Regan, Librarian, Traip Academy, Kittery

James Jackson Sanborn, Executive Director, Maine Info Net

Sharon Sparrow, Middle School Librarian, Berwick Academy

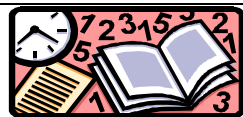
Stephanie Zurinski, CMLD Consultant

Retired

Jackie Drown, Loranger Middle School, Old Orchard Beach

Pam Goucher, Freeport Middle School

Alice Pease, Librarian, Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills



New Professional Collection Titles

Contact the SMLD Office to make suggestions for additional purchases. Tel. 871-1766 or 1-800-649-7696, e-mail: SMLD@portland.lib.me.us

See website for complete list of titles:

<http://www.state.me.us/msl/smdl/professional.html>

Creating Your Library Brand: Communicating Your Relevance and Value to Your Patrons

Elisabeth Doucett. ALA, 2008

- Please note this title was written by the Curtis Memorial Library Director in Brunswick, Maine.

Strategic Planning for Results

Sandra Nelson. ALA, 2008

Meeting Registrations

The online meeting registration system on the statewide calendar at WebJunction is working well. We would like to clarify the registration process.

Please note: For meetings requiring payment, until we receive your check, you are not officially registered. When we confirm numbers with caterers and facilities, we will only state the number of **paid registrations**.



Calendar

Please register for all SMLD programs and workshops on the statewide WebJunction Maine Library Community Calendar - <http://evanced.info/maine/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

September 12	SMLD Board Meeting. Westbrook College Abplanalp Library, Portland, 1-4 p.m.
September 15	Public Library Directors (Talking Heads) Rice Public Library, Kittery, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
September 17	Performers' Showcase. Freeport Community Library. 8:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
September 25	IT Meeting. Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 3	Joint Council Meeting. Augusta Civic Center
October 6	Friends of Maine Libraries Conference Senator Inn, Augusta
October 8	SMLD Children's & YA Book Review Portland Public Library, 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
October 15	Orientation for New SMLD Librarians Portland Public Library, 3-5
October 17	Public Library Directors (Loose Librarians) Harrison Village Library, 9:30 a.m.
October 19-21	New England Library Association Annual Conference. Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH
October 23-24	Maine Libraries Conference. Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River, Bethel
October 30	Public Library Directors (Yapping Yorkies) Hollis Center Public Library, 9:30 a.m.
November 7	Meeting for Reference Librarians. St. Joseph's College, Standish, 9:30-Noon
November 12	SMLD Children's & YA Book Review Portland Public Library, 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
November 13	Public Library Directors (Chattering Cheeses) Falmouth Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
November 14	SMLD Board Meeting. Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook, 1-4 p.m.
November 18	Copyright Meeting, Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook, 1:30-4:30